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Our local union represents many of the workers at Lehigh Hanson. They harvest sand from the bay floor that we process into concrete and hot mix asphalt that is used in the construction and maintenance of roads, highways, public buildings and residential construction projects throughout the Bay Area. Hanson's sand harvesting lease requires a permit renewal. We would appreciate your support of these efforts.

Sand harvesting and processing has been a local operation for decades and is regulated by numerous state and federal agencies including the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC).

Locally produced sand reduces project costs. It keeps our environment cleaner as it minimizes the need to ship or truck sand from faraway places. These operations sustain a middle class workforce that makes the bay area an affordable area for our members to live and raise a family.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been completed and certified by the California Lands Commission on a 3-0 vote (Lt Governor Newsom, Controller Chaing, and Department of Finance Director). The EIR demonstrated that a majority of the potential environmental impacts were less than significant and of those that were significant will be fully mitigated. The company now needs to renew their 10-year BCDC permit renewal and a public hearing and vote is scheduled for early next year.

We would appreciate it if our fellow union allies would join us in supporting this BCDC permit extension. There is active opposition from an environmental group so we need to stand up for the good paying jobs that are created by this environmentally sensitive sand reuse.

Sincerely

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